

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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Attorney General Alberto Gonzales  
United States Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Attorney General Gonzales:

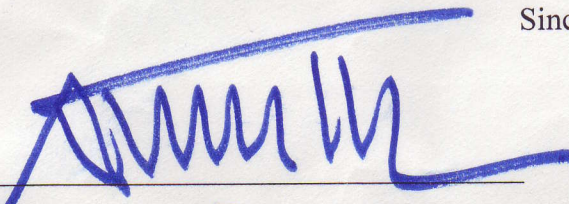
We as Members of Congress remain seriously concerned over the apparent misdirected and overreaching federal prosecution of two distinguished U.S. Border Patrol agents who were doing their job protecting America's borders from an illegal drug smuggler. We respectfully ask for your immediate intervention in this case and to not oppose a motion filed in court that will keep these men from having to report to prison next week.

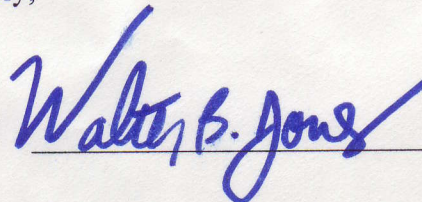
There remain several discrepancies in the government's case against Agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean which strongly question whether justice was served. For example, they were convicted mainly on the testimony of a habitual Mexican drug smuggler, who was sought out and given immunity by federal prosecutors to testify. The integrity of this witness must be called into question, but a sealed indictment for drug charges forbade Ramos and Compean from doing so during their trial. Also, there is insufficient proof as to whether or not the drug smuggler was armed that day and in fact threatened Ramos and Compean, forcing them to fire their weapons to protect themselves.

Many of these claims will form the basis of an appeal which attorneys for Agents Ramos and Compean have filed. These agents are not a flight risk nor are they a danger to the community. Because of this and with utmost concern for the safety of these men should they be incarcerated, we ask that you direct your federal prosecutors assigned to this case to not oppose a motion on behalf of the agents that will allow them to remain free on bond pending their appeal.

We believe that the lawful protection of our nation's borders is of the utmost importance and we should do everything we can to support the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol in pursuing that goal. The prosecution of these agents is viewed by many in the Border Patrol as putting the concerns of illegal immigrants and drug smugglers ahead of our homeland security. It undermines their critical mission to dutifully enforce our immigration laws. By denying justice in this case, we are effectively turning our backs on the Border Patrol and the duty we entrust to them to secure our borders. We therefore respectfully urge your intervention in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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